Central Intelligence Agency
National Foreign Assessment Center
Office of Imagery Analysis

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cuban Task Force

SUBJECT : Current OIA Analytical Effort--Cuba

  1. The current OIA imagery analysis effort on Cuba is almost exclusively restricted to ad-hoc studies related to verification of the Soviet brigade. Although a more comprehensive analysis of military force structure in Cuba has been planned, very little progress has been made because our Cuban assets have been involved with specific analyses related to the Soviet presence in 1979.

  2. Studies which are underway in OIA, or on the books, are:

   a. A chronological study of Santiago de las Vegas and Lourdes to detect indicators of Soviet presence or expansion. This study is a joint effort with NPIC and involves the analysis of photography from

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   b. Naval analysts have been regularly monitoring Soviet activity at Cienfuegos. We have recently completed a chronological study of the Soviet facilities and presence there.

   c. We have a continuing OER requirement to monitor selected Third-World ports and airfields for Soviet arms deliveries. Certain Cuban facilities are included in this requirement, and a study of recent arms deliveries to them was completed in July 1979.

   d. OIA has begun researching imagery of three former Soviet camps in Cuba in order to do a chronological study of Soviet presence there (self-initiated).

   e. Studies on the status of the SA-2 system in Cuba and of a new communications facility at El Gabriel have been initiated, but work on them has been preempted by current verification activities.

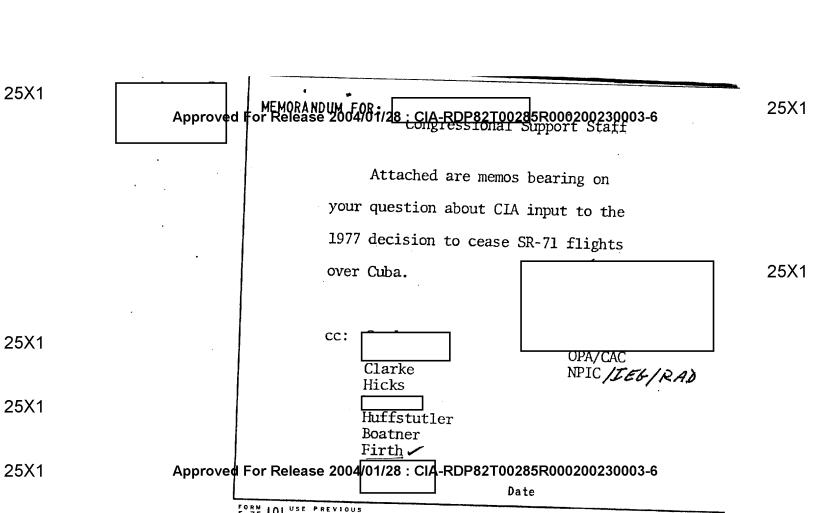Chief, Land Forces Division
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Wayne

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Congressional Support Staff

Attached are memos bearing on

your question about CIA input to the

1977 decision to cease SR-71 flights

over Cuba.

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